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SPATIAL DIRECTION INTO CONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action on the above-identified case mailed May 18, 2004 requiring the Applicants to indicate which claims are covered by the species elected. The Examiner grouped the species as follows:

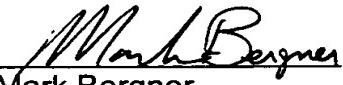
- Species I Figures 1, 2a and 2b
- Species II Figure 3
- Species III Figure 4a
- Species IV Figure 4b

Applicants provisionally elect Species II, with traverse. Species II is covered by claims 1-6 and 16. Species III is covered by claim 14 and Species IV is covered by claim 15.

Species II (Figure 3) shows an electrical network used for simulating the behavior of opto-electrical connections. A detailed network emulation of the transmitter and the receiver shown in Figure 3 is illustrated in Figures 4a, b.

Since Figures 4a, b represent detailed elements comprised by Fig. 3, Species III and IV are covered by Figure 3 as well and are thus not patentably distinct.

Respectfully submitted,

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